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## ROOSEVELT ROARS, BUT INSIDERS SAY HE IS READY TO BOLT IF NOT NOMINATED IN CHICAGO

Colonel Hands Cards in Ananias Club to Those Who Express This Opinion.

TEDDY'S FORCES REPORTED LOOKING FOR DARK HORSE

Justice Hughes, Former New York Governor, Picked as Likely Man.

BY C. S. ALBERT.

(Special Bulletin Correspondence.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—"Any statement like that is untrue." In this trite sentence Col. Roosevelt promptly handed membership cards in the Ananias Club to all those who made utterances to the effect that he had determined to bolt the result of the Chicago convention if he were not the nominee. It seemed like good old times to have the Colonel make an announcement of this kind. When he was in the White House he habitually passed around his membership cards at brief intervals. A renewal of the custom has caused all his former friends to feel perfectly at home.

When Col. Roosevelt created an awful uproar by declaring that he had bolted out in New York and Indiana by fraud, and started on a Western stumping trip to retrieve his falling fortunes some of his closest advisers permitted it to become known that the Colonel would not abide by the result of the Chicago convention. He believed that all his delegates have been taken away by corrupt methods, and he did not intend to let it go at that. Despite his denials the impression still prevails that if any opportunity is presented the Roosevelt faction will either openly desert and refuse to support Taft after his nomination, or else quietly work their knives and arrange for effective work at the polls, where they will secretly antagonize the Republican tickets.

Friends to Interfere.  
It has become absolutely known here that a number of prominent Roosevelt supporters, personal friends and ardent admirers of years, are preparing to get in touch with the Colonel to tell him frankly that he is dragging down to defeat many men who have stood by him through thick and thin and still think him the greatest man in the country, although rudely shocked by some of his recent statements.

The men who are said to be alarmed are insurgent and radical Senators and Representatives, Governors, State legislators and officeholders generally who came out for Roosevelt in the belief that his strength with the people would hold them in office and carry them through the present political chaos. The Colonel's coat-tails looked mighty good to the men who saw the great storm gathering and who felt sure that under the inspiring leadership of the former President all would come out well.

Before actually deciding upon a bolt it is believed the Roosevelt forces will soon begin looking for a "dark horse." Having found the elusive animal they will groom him for entrance into the Presidential race. The name most frequently suggested is that of Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes of the Supreme Court. The search will not end with this one possibility but be extended to all available timber throughout the country. The fight and noise will be continued until the frisky beast is found and then all the furore will be turned in the direction of making him run better and more rapidly than Mr. Taft.

Associate Justice Hughes has been indirectly sounded by friends. He has said emphatically that his position on the court precludes his doing

or saying anything political, but that above all he will not permit his name to be brought against Mr. Taft, who appointed him to the bench. His admiration for the President is genuine and strong. If he should be nominated for President at Chicago it would be only because Mr. Taft was out of the race.

The White House managers have taken cognizance of Col. Roosevelt's assertion that fraud is being used everywhere to defeat him. It was pointed out that in North Dakota the primaries were of the precise kind the Roosevelt people advocate everywhere. Yet when they were beaten by La Follette they asserted that the Democrats of the State had beaten Roosevelt, and that thousands of Democrats voted for La Follette. In Indiana a "soapbox" primary was held throughout the State, the only kind that could be provided where there was no law to safeguard it.

The cry of fraud there was started before the elections were held and continues yet. In New York yesterday a legal primary, conducted under State laws, at which only registered Republicans could vote, brought out worse cries of fraud than in Indiana or North Dakota. Three different kinds of primaries resulted in the same sort of complaint from the Roosevelt camp.

## HAWAIIAN FIRE CLAIMS WERE LOST IN CONGRESS; FOUND NOW

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 6.—Whenever Hawaii does happen to strike a little bit of legislative luck and get something started through the grind, a snag bolts up along the story road and causes a halt. If nothing worse occurs, a bill becomes lost and there is long delay in finding it. Such was the identical trouble that struck the measure passed several weeks ago by the Senate to reimburse insurance companies for losses sustained by fire in fighting the bubonic plague a dozen years ago.

The relief measure slipped through the Senate and went on its joyous way across to the House. It apparently dropped through a hole and has never been seen since. The clerks and messengers hunted high and low for the missing bill. After losing many days of precious time they gave it up.

A formal resolution was finally passed by the House, requesting the Senate to send them an official copy of the insurance bill. This was done and the measure is now ready for perusal and consideration by the proper committee at the other end of the Capitol.

## FREE SUGAR UP; HAWAIIANS ARE HEARD ON IT

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the defeat of the House bill placing sugar on the free list.

Large delegations of cane-sugar producers from Louisiana are here. Included in the number are all the prominent men identified with that industry there. Some high officials of the State and members of the Louisiana legislature are among the party. In addition, there are many here from all the States vitally concerned in the future of the beet-sugar business. All these bodies are framed up on a non-partisan basis. Republicans and Democrats are working together for a common cause.

Purposes.  
The purpose of the sugar delegations in coming to this city is twofold:

1—All phases of the situation must be carefully presented to the Senate Finance Committee, now engaged in giving hearings on the House free-sugar measure. The date, originally set for March 22, was deferred by agreement until Monday, April 1. The hearings began at 10:30 o'clock on that date. Every conceivable feature of the situation was laid before the committee. The stories told by the Louisiana cane-growers was almost tragic. They declared that the depreciation of property and decline of business began with the opening of its investigation by the so-called Hardwick Committee, of the House. Since that time, they demonstrated, many valuable plantations have gone into the hands of receivers and others have been sold at great loss. One plantation easily worth more than \$1,000,000 brought but \$300,000 under the hammer. In anticipation of antagonistic legislation, they asserted, large numbers of employes have been laid off and wages have been materially reduced. Production is falling below the ordinary average as a result of the prevailing apprehension. An equally pitiable tale was told by the beet-sugar men.

2—Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear upon Senator Bristow to dissuade him from entering into any compact with the Democrats whereby the minority in the Senate, acting with the Progressive Republicans, might make effective some form of sugar legislation. The statement that Mr. Bristow had offered to help the Democrats pass every pending tariff measure and put them up to President Taft for approval or veto, if the Democrats would modify their demands for free sugar and accept something on the approximate basis of 1 cent per pound, is responsible for the descent upon him. He is being strenuously urged to not enter into any such arrangement as that indicated. Mr. Bristow is entirely undecided as to what his future course will be. He believes that the abolition of the preferential on refined sugars and the elimination of the Dutch color standard, being equivalent to 15-per-cent reduction, would be sufficient at this

time. He does not desire to go farther. In any event he could accept nothing going below a flat rate of 1 cent per pound. The Progressive Republicans look to Mr. Bristow for guidance in all matters pertaining to sugar.

The Democrats are so wedded to their campaign slogan of free sugar and the Senate is so hopelessly divided on the subject that any action seems unlikely. If a substitute for the House bill should be passed by the Senate, relating alone to the preferential duty and the Dutch standard, it would not be accepted in the House. There are a sufficient number of Senate Democrats who consider it good politics to stand by the House in its tariff program to prevent the acceptance of such a measure as would be presented by Mr. Bristow.

## HAS CALAMBA DEAL FAILED?

Apparently the plans of D. M. Carrigan of Manila to interest Hawaiian capital in the development of the Calamba estates, Philippine Islands, as a sugar plantation, have fallen through. News has arrived from Manila that John M. Switzer of that city, general manager of the Pacific Commercial Company, will become the owner of the estates through a deal now pending. Mr. Switzer plans to develop the estate on modern lines in cultivation and manufacture of sugar.

The Calamba estates came into much public notice through the high finance methods of Alford Finley Thayer, former Honolulu, who tried to promote a sugar plantation, used without authority the names of prominent Hawaiian capitalists, and finally disappeared after what threatened to be serious legal entanglements.

## ROBERT SHINGLE ON STAND FOR OTHER SIDE NOW

Robert W. Shingle was placed on the stand in the Kukui case this morning for the respondents when the matter came before Judge Robinson in the Circuit Court.

The case is expected to be finished this week so far as hearing the evidence is concerned, for at the present time it is only a matter of churning over the main facts again and again, the last few witnesses having brought out very little that was new.

Shingle was placed on the stand for Albert Horner during the beginning of his case and is now giving evidence for the other side.

General Macomb made a trip to Schofield Barracks this morning to inspect the site selected for the new cavalry barracks and also to see how the construction work on the infantry quarters is progressing. Captain Edwards, constructing quartermaster, had instructions to rush both jobs, and he has not been letting the grass grow under his feet.

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